holding a seminar on 31st July, 1995 to celebrate the birth anniversary of Munshi Prem Chand.

But the Demand Draft for payment of the Ist instalment amounting Rs. 18,750/- was returned undelivered owing to the non-availability of the addressee at the address given by the organisation.

Now, the sanction of grant has been revalidated and the payment will be made to the grantee soon.

[English]

Lift Irrigation in Orissa

3377. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of lift irrigation points in working conditions in the state of Orissa till date;

(b) whether more than 50% lift points are not working;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide water in irrigated areas and to face the draught situation in Orissa; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) 10,150.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). As per the information furnished by the State Government, to save standing crops, the details of the area covered by irrigation under Major, Medium, Minor (Flow) and lift irrigation sector are as under :

Major and Medium	951.64 thousand hectares
Minor (Flow)	180.326 thousand hectares
Minor (Lift)	79.476 thousand hectares

During Kharif 1996, much emphasis has been given to provide water in irrigated areas through lift irrigation projects. A sum of Rs. 1.20 crore, released from Calamity Relief Fund, has been deposited by the Orissa Lift Irrigation Corporation with GRID Corporation of Orissa for energisation of 441 LIPs. Similarly, Rs. 53.10 lakh released from Calamity Relief Fund has been placed at the disposal of Orissa Lift Irrigation Corporation for repair/replacement of 531 LIPs etc. Besides sum of Rs. 70.00 lakh has also been sanctioned from Calamity Relief Fund for repair/revival of 400 LIPs.

Government have allowed 75% subsidy on the water rate for Kharif crops to the avacutdars of the LIPs throughout the State.

Similarly, 50% subsidy has been made available to the cultivators in the avacut of LIPs throughout the State to encourage large scale compensatory rabi cultivation.

HIV

3378. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether nearly 5 million people in the country are likely to suffer from HIV infection by 2000 as stated by WHO;

(b) if so, whether various programmes run by the Government to check HIV/AIDS in the country are totally ineffective;

(c) if so, the total number of HIV positive cases reported in the country, State-wise as on November, 1996; and

(d) the new action plan Government propose to take to check/control the spread of this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No, Sir. World Health Organisation has made statistical estimates based on extrapolation.

(b) National AIDS Control Organisation a dedicated wing of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been set-up to combat spread of HIV/AIDS in the country. The strategies of the programme consist of generation of awareness among high risk behaviour group and general public about HIV/AIDS control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Blood Safety and rational use of blood, Surveillance; and care and support to HIV/AIDS cases.

(c) 48777 HIV positive have been reported as on November, 1996. The State-wise details is enclosed as Statement.

(d) The IXth Five Year Plan is under preparation. While strengthening programme activities, the new thrust areas include HIV/AIDS Education is secondary school, among street children, involvement of industry, other public and private sectors and NGOs, setting up of blood component separation units, continuum of care to HIV infected AIDS cases. Counselling advocacy and promotion of Voluntary Blood Donation.

STATEMENT

Sero-Surveillance for HIV Infection Period of report upto : 30th November, 1996 (Prov.)

S.No.	Name	Screened	Positive
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	43164	290
2.	Assam	10780	150
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	309	0